

HOUSE RESOLUTION 135
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A RESOLUTION to commemorate the opening of the Lincoln
Gannon Playground.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who through their extraordinary efforts have distinguished themselves by undertaking a task to benefit the lives of their fellow citizens in remembrance of a courageous young man; and

WHEREAS, Lincoln Gannon, the son of Terry and Kim Gannon, was a valiant young man who lost his battle with diabetes on December 12, 2001, at the tender age of 11; and

WHEREAS, seeking to honor the memory of Lincoln Gannon, family friends thought a playground would be both a lasting tribute and a wonderful contribution to the community; and

WHEREAS, the Lincoln Gannon Playground Committee was established in the Woodbury Community and received approval from the City of Woodbury for the erection of a playground in Brown-Spurlock City Park; and

WHEREAS, though obtaining funds for the new playground proved to be a difficult task, the financial challenge was met through the dedication and commitment of several community organizations and many caring citizens throughout Cannon County and Middle Tennessee; and

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WHEREAS, the Woodbury Lions Club pledged \$30,000 over a three-year period, the City of Woodbury provided a \$20,000 grant, Kim Gannon's friends and fellow employees at State Farm Insurance raised over \$11,000 by holding bake sales and a golf tournament, and Stones River Hospital matched donations from their employees and held a silent auction raising over \$10,000; and

WHEREAS, major contributors also included AmSouth Bank, Cannon County, the City of Woodbury, and the Cannon County School Board; and

WHEREAS, many individuals helped make this playground a reality by purchasing pavers, helping with fundraising events, and donating their time to this wonderful community effort; and

WHEREAS, the Lincoln Gannon Playground Committee members are Harold and Sue Patrick, Amy and Roger Parker, Bridget and Grant Holt, Mitch Wilson, Gary Nichols, Tom Carmouche, Joe and Norma Knox, Willis and Faye Knox, Mike and Wadene Gannon, Terry and Kim Gannon, Wayne Prater, Charlene Odom, and Carol Davis; and

WHEREAS, the Playground Construction Team included Gary Nichols, Wayne Hancock, Richie Barabas, Billy Choate, Bill Syester, Bob Davenport, and Brent Richardson; and

WHEREAS, all involved in the creation of the Lincoln Gannon Playground are wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State" and should be especially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor the public spirit of all involved in making the Lincoln Gannon Playground a lasting tribute to a noble young man and an outstanding benefit to the children and families of the Woodbury Community and Cannon County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

